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**Pipeline and
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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

April 9, 2007

Mr. M. G. Bowin
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Bellaire, TX 77401

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CPF 5-2007-5016W

Dear Mr. Bowin:

On June 5-9, 2006, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, inspected your Boise Area pipeline system from the Murtaugh, Idaho to Baker, Oregon.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that you have committed a probable violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. The item inspected and the probable violation is:

1. **§195.402 Procedural manual for operations, maintenance, and emergencies.**
 - (c) **Maintenance and normal operations.** The manual required by paragraph (a) of this section must include procedures for the following to provide safety during maintenance and normal operations:
 - (3) **Operating, maintaining, and repairing the pipeline system in accordance with each of the requirements of this subpart and subpart H of this part.**

§195.589 What corrosion control information do I have to maintain?

(c) You must maintain a record of each analysis, check, demonstration, examination, inspection, investigation, review, survey, and test required by this subpart in sufficient detail to demonstrate the adequacy of corrosion control measures or that corrosion requiring control measures does not exist. You must retain these records for at least 5 years, except that records related to Secs. 195.569, 195.573(a) and (b), and 195.579(b)(3) and (c) must be retained for as long as the pipeline remains in service.

§195.573 What must I do to monitor external corrosion control?

- (c) **Rectifiers and other devices. You must electrically check for proper performance**
(d) **each device in the first column at the frequency stated in the second column.**


Device	Check frequency
Rectifier.....	At least six times each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding 2 ½ months.

At the time of the inspection, the operator's computerized records attributed the rectifier inspections according to two month windows, (i.e. January-February and March-April). The exact date of the inspections is not included on the forms. In addition he field notes reflecting the exact dates of the inspections were not retained after the inspections were recorded electronically. Neither the operator nor our inspector could determine the exact date of a rectifier's inspection. For example: A rectifier reading in early January and then again in late April may meet a six times a year requirement but be out of compliance for exceeding 2 ½ months between inspections.

Under 49 United States Code, § 60122, you are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100,000 for each violation for each day the violations persists up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for any related series of violations. We have reviewed the circumstances and supporting documents involved in this case, and have decided not to conduct additional enforcement action or penalty assessment proceedings at this time. We advise you to correct the item identified in this letter. Failure to do so will result in Chevron Pipe Line Company being subject to additional enforcement action.

No reply to this letter is required. If you choose to reply, in your correspondence please refer to **CPF 5-2007-5016W**. Be advised that all material you submit in response to this enforcement action is subject to being made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b), along with the complete original document you must provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for confidential treatment redacted and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

Sincerely,


Chris Hoidal
Director, Western Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

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